



# Welcome!

## Durham Comprehensive Plan Community Open House Meetings

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## Purpose of Community Meetings

- Hear from you about your concerns for Durham's future.
- Share with you information about Durham.

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# What is a Comprehensive Plan?

- **Statement of how Durham wants to grow and develop**
  - + Covers all of the City and County jurisdictions
  - + Deals with all physical aspects of growth and development
  - + Private development and public facilities
  - + Long range—30 years

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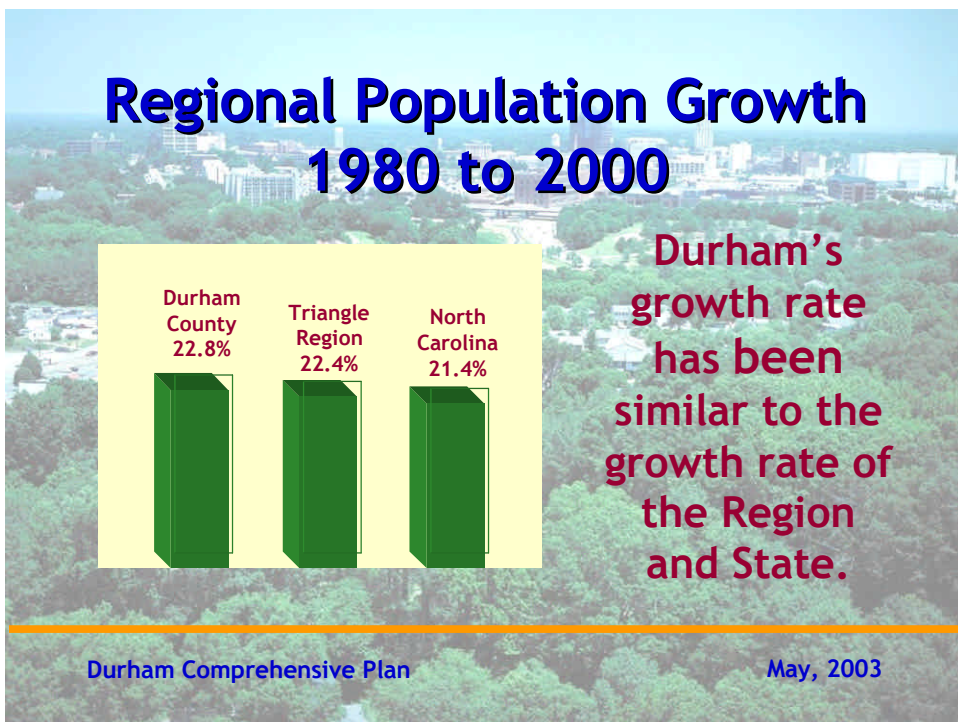
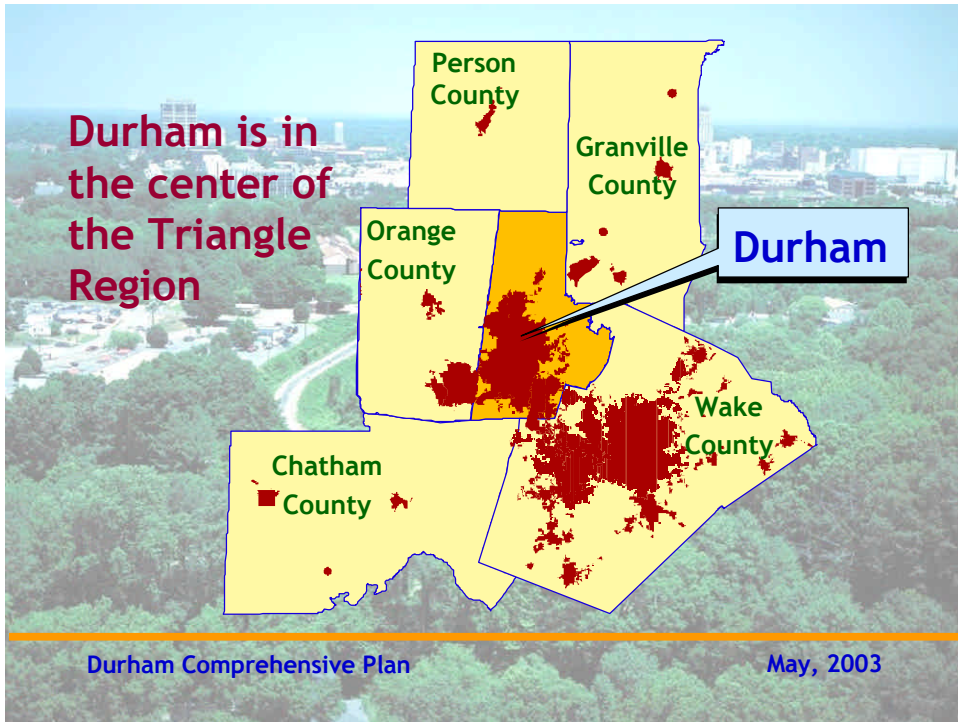
# Regional Context

- **Cary and Raleigh growing into Durham County**
- **Many people live in one county and work in another**
- **Regional water sharing**

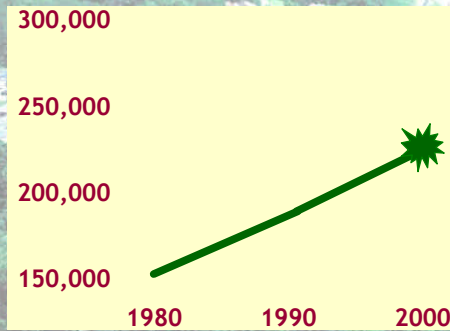
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## Durham Population Growth 1980 to 2000

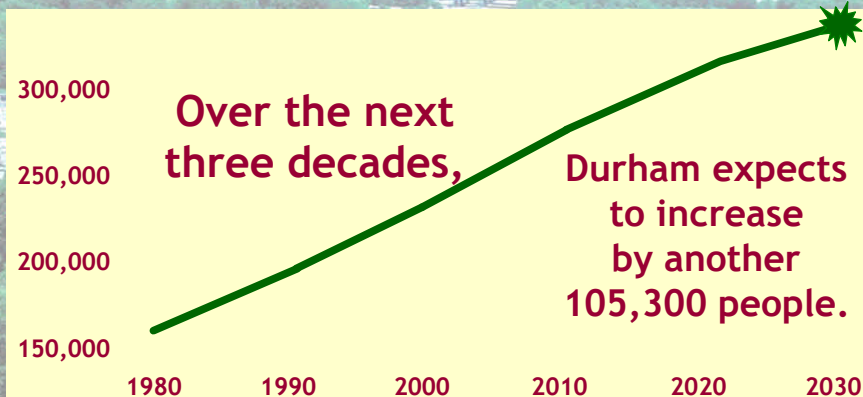


Over the past two decades, Durham increased by about 71,000 people.

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## Population Projections 2000 to 2030



Over the next three decades,

Durham expects to increase by another 105,300 people.

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## Implications of Growth

● **105,300 new residents over 30 years means:**

- ✚ 10 new residents every day
- ✚ 30 new homes each week

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## Implications of Growth

● **105,300 new residents over 30 years means:**

- ✚ 2,100 additional miles traveled per day
- ✚ 478 million gallons of additional water demand each month

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**"If you don't care where  
you are going, any road  
will get you there."**

**Lewis Carroll**

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## **Smart Growth Means:**

- **Where should growth go?**
- **How should it take place?**
- **What places should be off limits  
and how should they be  
preserved?**

**Natural Resources Defense Council**

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## Smart Growth Principles

- Make development decisions predictable
- Preserve open space, farmland and environmentally sensitive areas
- Strengthen existing communities
- Foster distinctive and attractive places

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## Smart Growth Principles

- Mix land uses
- Create a range of housing opportunities
- Compact building design
- Provide transportation choices
- Create walkable communities
- Encourage participation

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# Distinctive Community Patterns

- Downtown
- Urban Areas
- Suburban Areas
- Rural Areas
- Natural Resource Areas

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## Downtown



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## Urban Areas



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## Suburban Areas



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## Rural Areas

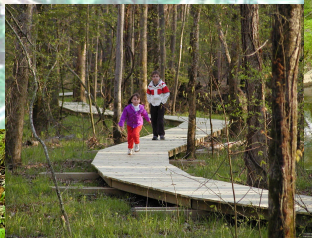
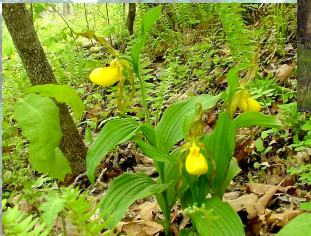


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## Natural Resource Areas

Throughout  
the  
community...



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# Infrastructure and Services



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We can stick our heads in the sand and pretend that growth will simply not happen. Likewise, we could pretend that when we do grow, it somehow will not affect us... Or, we can plan for growth the best way we know how.

Maryland Governor Parris Glendening

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